

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

8. (Amended) An ink jet apparatus for printing on a printing medium with ink and treatment liquid having a function of setting ink, said apparatus comprising:

an ink ejection port for ejecting ink;

a treatment liquid ejection port for ejecting treatment liquid;

a waste liquid accommodating substance for accommodating waste liquid;

a first introducing means for introducing waste ink discharged by recovery operation from said ink ejection port into a first portion of said waste liquid accommodating substance; and

a second introducing means for introducing, independently of waste ink, waste treatment liquid discharged by recovery operation from said treatment liquid ejection port into a second portion separated from said first portion of said waste liquid accommodating substance.